

Online Resource 1 Guidance given to Doctors on 'What we mean by organic disease'

The misdiagnosis of functional disorders as neurological disease

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The following is meant as a guide for *this study* and we are aware that any divisions like this are imperfect. Many patients have a mixture of symptoms, syndromes or disease and the final coding is your decision based on these guidelines.

‘Not organic disease’ for the purpose of this study: Tension Headache; Aetiologically controversial symptom ‘syndromes’ (e.g. Chronic fatigue syndrome, Fibromyalgia, Irritable Bowel Syndrome); Physiologically explained processes which are thought to be linked to emotional symptoms (e.g. Hyperventilation); Emotional disorders (e.g. Depression, Anxiety, Panic disorder).

‘Organic disease’ for the purpose of this study: Migraine; Any neurological disorder with a known pathological basis; Neurological disorders with defined and characteristic features but without a clear pathological basis (e.g. Gilles de la Tourette syndrome, Idiopathic focal dystonia); Physiological explained processes NOT linked to emotional symptoms (e.g. micturition syncope); Psychotic disorder.